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SUBJECT: CSCE POLICY:--INFORMATION-WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS

REF: (A) STATE 57247; (B) GENEVA 1391; (C) GENEVA 1913

1. PURSUANT TO PARA 2 OF REF A, WEST GERMAN REP HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT FRG CANNOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT NOTION OF RECIPROCITY IN CONNECTION WITH "ARRANGEMENTS" IN PARA 3 OF JOURNALISTS TEXT. FRG IS CONCERNED THAT CONCEPT OF RECIPROCITY MIGHT BE USED AS AN ARGUMENT BY EASTERN COUNTRIES TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF WESTERN NEWMEN ON THEIR SOIL. THIS IS ESPECIALLY PERTINENT IN RELATION TO GDR, WHERE NUMBER OF FRG JOURNALISTS VASTLY OUTNUMBERS EAST GERMAN JOURNALISTS IN FRG. FRG REP MENTIONED THAT FRG HAD BEEN ABLE ONLY WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY TO PREVENT THE IDEA OF RECIPROCITY FROM BEING INCLUDED IN ITS AGREEMENTS WITH THE GDR.

2. IN FACT, UK AND CANADA ACTUALLY PREFER THE VAGUENESS OF THE PRESENT TERM "ARRANGEMENTS" BECAUSE THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE FREE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF EASTERN JOURNALISTS WHICH THEY ADMIT AND TO DECIDE ON THE "ARRANGEMENTS"

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FOR DOING SO.

3. ONE POSSIBLE WAY TO INDICATE THAT "ON THE BASIS OF ARRANGEMENTS" IS INTENDED TO EXCLUDE SOLELY UNILATERAL CONSIDERATIONS MIGHT BE TO MODIFY THE PHRASE TO READ "ON THE BASIS OF BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS". HOWEVER, THIS HAS THE DISADVANTAGE OF STRENGTHENING THE IMPLICATION THAT AGREEMENTS BEYOND CSCE WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE SOVIET VISA PROCEDURES WOULD BE RELAXED. ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE THE PRESENT VAGUE WORDING WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO THIS APPROACH. IF WE ARE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY ALTERNATE FORMULATIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT SUGGEST. REQUEST GUIDANCE. ABRAMS

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